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STEVE ALLISON: "Al Bentley, former U.S. House of Representative member, from Michigan...

"Do you believe Mr. Khrushchev when he says, right after the U-2 incident, when they were together, he looked at Mr. Eisenhower, and he said I think the President of the United States should express regrets at this incident at this time--Mr. Eisenhower turned to Mr. Herter, and said, I don't think there's anything wrong with doing a thing like that. And Herter said, no, don't do it. Do you believe that?"

BENTLEY: "Well, Steve, you're quoting the well-known Washington and national columnist, Mr. Drew Pearson. He of course has just had a private conference with Mr. Khrushchev at his Black Sea resort. My own opinion as far as Mr. Pearson's veracity sometimes can be stretched to the breaking point, but let me say this. I don't know whether or not Mr. Khrushchev--I know Mr. Khrushchev demanded an apology--I don't know whether Mr. Eisenhower originally or not intended to express intention to go along with it, but I can only express my viewpoint, and that is that I do not personally feel that the United States government or any of its representatives should ever apologize for doing something which was obviously in the best security and national interests of this country."

ALLISON: "Well, I think that you're jumping a little bit, Al. I would go along with the statement you just made, but I feel it was a little stupid to admit it. In the first place, you know the code of spies. You catch a spy--who is he--ever saw him. Who is he, I never heard of him, and then you just disavow the whole thing."

BENTLEY: "You know, Steve, that's something--that's the reason that I've been preaching for a long time, our government has grown so large and so complex, and there are so many different divisions, agencies, and bureaus and departments in it, that many times our left hand does not know what our right hand does. Now the reason we admitted the situation was very frankly a complete lack of coordination and liaison between various agencies of our government, including the Defense Department, THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY and the State Department. We're just getting too big for our own boots sometimes."

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ALLISON: "Did you like the way Kennedy handled himself in Cuba?"

BENTLEY: "No, I can't say I do, because of the fact I think that although the Cuban invasion was unfortunate in many respects, if it was going to happen, it should have been planned to be a success. If there is one worse thing than being an aggressor, it's being an unsuccessful aggressor."

ALLISON: "The world hates a loser."